

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The present invention allows suspend and resume processes to be carried out properly in a network such as a network according to the IEEE1394a system. If data transmission among a plurality of devices connected to a network is executed under the control of a predetermined controller, data as to whether each device can be set in a suspend state (e.g., suspend level) is notified from each device in the network to the controller using a broadcast communications transmission interval. The controller transmits a suspend state setting command based on the data.

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